

## ERROR DETECTION PROTOCOL

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## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is related to the following co-pending patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,225 [Attorney Docket No. AT9-98-440] entitled "Apparatus and Method for Tracking Access to Data Resources in a Cluster Environment"; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,908 [Attorney Docket No. AT9-98-443] entitled "Apparatus and Method for Maintaining Consistency of Shared Data Resources in a Cluster Environment";

which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

## TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates generally to distributed networks, and in particular to core cluster functions for maintaining consistency of shared data resources in a cluster environment.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As computer systems and networks become increasingly complex, the need to have high availability of these systems is becoming correspondingly important. Data